(c) the details of the joint action plan, if any, evolved at the conference ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Chief Ministers of Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Punjab, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and Lt. Governor of Delhi and the Administrator of Chandigarh attended the Conference. The Chief Ministers of Gujarat and Maharashtra were represented by their State Ministers.

(c) It was decided to take coordinated measures to deal with terrorism, strengthen anti-terrorist operations and have frequent exchange/sharing of information among the affected States.

आतंकवादियों द्वारा आत्म-समर्पण

239. **डा० रत्नाकर पाण्डेय** : क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि अनेक आतंकवादियों ने हाल ही में पंजाब, जम्मू और कश्मीर तथा असम में आत्म-समर्पण किया है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो पिछले दो महीनों के दौरान कितने आतंकवादियों ने आत्म-समर्पण किया है ?

संसदीय कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री और गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एम० एम० जेकब) : (क) और (ख) उपलब्ध सूचना के अनुसार मार्च तथा अप्रैल, 1992 के दौरान (19-4-92) तक) पंजाब में 87 उग्रवादियों ने आत्म-समर्पण किया । इनमें वे 40 उग्रवादी भी शामिल हैं जिन्होंने 4 अप्रैल, 1992 को आत्म-समर्पण किया था । जम्मू और कश्मीर तथा असम के बारे में सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है ।

चुनावों के दौरान नागरिकों की पहचान पत्रों का जारी किया जाना

240. **श्री अजीत जोगी :**
कुमारी आलिया :

क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार चुनावों के दौरान और वित्तीय संस्थाओं के साथ लेन-देन करते समय नागरिकों की पहचान के प्रयोजनार्थ सभी नागरिकों को ऐसे पहचान पत्र जिनमें उनसे संबंधित पूरी जानकारी दी गई हो, जारी करने का विचार रखती है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ?

संसदीय कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री और गृ मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एम० एम० जेकब) : (क) और (ख) सरकार मतदाताओं को पहचान पत्र जारी करने के मामले पर विचार कर रही है । ब्यौरे तैयार नहीं किए गए हैं ।

Seizure of Smack from Undertrials in Tihar Jail

241. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem which appeared in the Statesman of the 30th March 1992 regarding seizure of smack from Tihar Jail undertrials ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) what steps are being taken to prevent passage of narcotics and drugs in the jails ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Following information a raid was conducted on 28-3-92 by the Kail officials and 7 packs of smack weighing about 1 grams were recovered from 5 prisoners

A case under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act was registered at Police Station, Hari Nagar. A warder has already been suspended and another is being chargesheeted.

(c) Amongst the steps being taken are :—

(i) intensification of frisking of prisoners and visitors ;

(ii) increase in the frequency of surprise searches of prisoners and wards ; and

(iii) strict action against prisoners/staff whenever narcotic/smack is recovered.

Killings of Paramilitary Personnel in Punjab

242. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of police and para-military personnel killed in encounters in Punjab during the last six months ;

(b) what steps are being taken by Government to restore confidence in police there ;

(c) whether Government have analysed the reasons for sudden spurt in violence in Punjab ; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action Government have taken to curb the violence ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB) : (a) According to available information received from the Government of Punjab 174 paramilitary personnel and policemen have been killed in Punjab during the last 6 months. Specific information about number of paramilitary personnel and policemen killed in encounters is not readily available.

(b) to (d) Law and Order being a State subject, it is for the State Government to devise strategies for dealing with the problems like terrorism. Central Government keeps in close touch with the Governments of the State affected by terrorism and extends all possible assistance as and when required.

Role of North Eastern Council

243. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 273 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 26th February, 1992 and state :

(a) whether Government have since taken any decision to change the role of the North Eastern Council ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and if not, by when Government are likely to take a decision in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB) : (a) The Government have not taken any decision to change the role of the North Eastern Council.

(b) The question does not arise.

Thefts on Running Trains

244. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of cases of thefts that took place on running trains during the year 1992 till date ; and

(b) the steps taken by Government to prevent such thefts during the same period ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB) : (a) and (b) The data regarding the cases of theft on running trains during the year 1992 have not been compiled by the Central agencies. The registration, investigation, detection and prevention of crime on running trains is the responsibility of the Government Railway Police which functions under the